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In re U.S. Patent Application of

PETERS et al.

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**For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR
REMOVING RESIDUES FROM THE
MICROSTRUCTURE AN OBJECT**

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Examiner Gregory R. Delcotto

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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 28, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on May 28, 2007, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for three months, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: